

## **DISCOVERY DISPUTES**

Pursuant to Local Rule of Civil Procedure 7.2(j) and the Court's Rule 16 Order, counsel must personally meet and confer and make all reasonable efforts to resolve a discovery dispute prior to contacting the Court. GENERALLY, NO MOTIONS OR PLEADINGS CONCERNING THE DISPUTE ARE PERMITTED TO BE FILED.

1. If unable to resolve a discovery dispute, do **not** file a motion/pleading unless directed by the Court.
2. Notify the Court's Judicial Assistant, Cheryl Milbourne, at 602-322-7520 that the counsel/parties have a discovery dispute.
3. The Judicial Assistant will schedule a time and date for hearing to resolve the issue. Generally, counsel/parties may appear by phone.
4. Each counsel/party is required to provide the Court with written certification that there has been compliance with LRCiv 7.2(j) and the Rule 16 Order, and set forth a brief summary of the dispute with an explanation of the position taken. **This statement is not to exceed one page unless an enlargement has been approved by the Court. The Court prefers no more than one short paragraph.**
5. Statements for each counsel/party are to be filed with the Court and faxed, (602-322-7529), to chambers at least twenty-four hours preceding the hearing or teleconference unless a different schedule is authorized by the Court.
6. If the dispute occurs during a deposition and the counsel/parties are unable to fax materials set forth under (4) , the Court will inform counsel of what is required of them before or at the hearing.